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SUBJECT

REMARKS OF ROLANDO ARCADIO (MASFERRER) ROJAS DATE DISTR.

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ON HIS PLANS AND SUPPORT TO OVERTHROW

PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER

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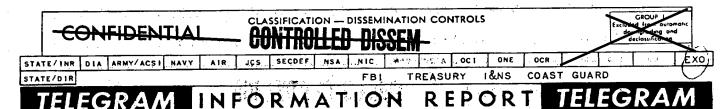
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SOURCE

A CUBAN EXILE WHO HAS LIVED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND WHO IS IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH MANY PERSONS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WHO HAVE GOOD CONTACTS IN POLITICAL CIRCLES.

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- 1. ON 22 AUGUST 1963, ROLANDO ARCADIO (MASFERRER) ROJAS CONFIDED THAT HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO BUY LARGE QUANTITIES OF THE IN THE UNITED STATES FOR USE IN HIS EFFORTS TO OVERTHROW THE HAITIAN DICTATORSHIP OF PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER. MASFERRER SAID HE HAS PLANS TO USE THE THT IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF BOMBS WHICH ARE TO BE AIR-DROPPED IN HAIT! IN ORDER TO DEMORALIZE THE DUVALIER FORCES.
- 2. MASFERRER SAID THAT HE IS NOW MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR PLANES TO LEAVE FROM FLORIDA, CARRYING HIS BOMBS AND TROOPS WHICH



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ARE NOW IN THE MIAMI AREA. MASFERRER SAID THAT HIS MAIN STRIKING FORCE IS COMPRISED OF ABOUT 150 CUBAN NATIONALS WHO ARE LODGED IN HOTELS AND PRIVATE HOMES IN METROPOLITAN MIAMI. (FIELD COMMENT: THE SENATE HOTEL IN MIAMI HAS BEEN REPORTED AS HAVING HOUSED SOME OF MASFERRER'S MEN PREVIOUSLY.)

- 3. MASFERRER SAID THAT HE HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN NEW YORK
 WHERE HE HAS MAINTAINED A CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH HAITIAN GENERAL
 PAUL EUGENE MAGLOIRE, FORMER PRESIDENT OF HAITI, FOR A PERIOD OF
 APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS. HE CLAIMED THAT MAGLOIRE WAS NOT
 COLLABORATING WITH HIM IN HIS MILITARY PREPARATIONS BECAUSE MAGLOIRE
 WAS ROBBED OF \$40,000 BY ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ ECHAZABAL, FORMER (RAY)
 RIVERO, CUBAN EXILE LEADER IN MIAMI, WAS PROVIDING INDIRECT
 FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MASFERRER'S MILITARY BUILDUP THROUGH GOVERNOR
 LUIS (MUNOZ) MARIN OF PUERTO RICO AND THROUGH PRESIDENT JUAN (BOSCH) Y
 GAVINO OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. (FIELD COMMENT: IT IS NOT
 LIKELY THAT RAY IS PROVIDING FINANCIAL HELP TO MASFERRER.)
- 4. MASFERRER SAID THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF HAITIAN EXILE
 LEADERS HAVE DETERIORATED DURING RECENT MONTHS. THE INTERNAL
 BICKERING BETWEEN MAGLOIRE AND LOUIS (DEJOIE) BOXA, WHO REPRESENT
 THE POLITICAL RIGHT, AND DANIEL FIGNOLE AND RENE DEPESTRE, WHO HAVE
 MUSTERED LEFTIST AND SOME COMMUNIST SUPPORT, BROUGHT TOGETHER FORMER
 GENERAL LEON CANTAVE AND PIERRE RIGAUD WHO WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN

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SUPPORT FROM MILITARY LEADERS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND FROM PRESIDENT BOSCH. MASFERRER DID NOT EXPLAIN WHY CANTAVE AND RIGAUD JOINED FORCES AS A RESULT OF THIS BICKERING.

5. FIELD DISSEM: CINCLANT, CINCSO, COMNAVKEYWEST, MIAMI REPS OF STATE, FBI, 1&NS, CUSTOMS, USCG AND BORDER PATROL.

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